

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 2132–2158; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 111–113; and H. Res. 373–376, were introduced. **Pages H4913–15**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4915–16**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 371, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 13) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 (H. Rept. 111–90) and

H. Res. 372, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1913) to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes (H. Rept. 111–91). **Page H4913**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Capps to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4843**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H4845**

**Order of Procedure:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 29th for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule 18, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order: the first reading of the bill is dispensed with; all points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule 21; general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Financial Services; after general debate, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion; and, no further consideration of H.R. 627 shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. **Pages H4847–48**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the*

*American Civic Association in Binghamton, New York:* H. Res. 340, to express sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, New York; **Pages H4848–50**

*Expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Geneva and Coffee Counties in Alabama, on March 10, 2009:* H. Res. 341, to express heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Geneva and Coffee Counties in Alabama, on March 10, 2009; **Pages H4850–52**

*Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 215; **Pages H4852–53, H4891**

*Expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as “Vietnamese Refugees Day”:* H. Res. 342, to express support for designation of May 2, 2009, as “Vietnamese Refugees Day”; **Pages H4853–55**

*Providing for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer:* H.R. 1243, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 210; **Pages H4857–62, H4880**

*Calling on the President and the allies of the United States to engage with officials of the Government of Iran to raise the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity:* H. Con. Res. 36, amended, to call on the President and the allies of the United States to engage with officials of the Government of Iran to raise the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, to urge officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and to call on the Government of Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; **Pages H4864–66**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling

on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” **Page H4866**

***Mourning the horrific loss of life in January 2009 caused by a landslide in Guatemala and an earthquake in Costa Rica:*** H. Res. 76, amended, to mourn the horrific loss of life in January 2009 caused by a landslide in Guatemala and an earthquake in Costa Rica and to express the sense of Congress that the United States should assist the affected people and communities; and **Pages H4866–67**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Mourning the horrific loss of life in January 2009 caused by a landslide in Guatemala and an earthquake in Costa Rica.” **Page H4867**

***Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:*** H. Con. Res. 104, to support the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **Pages H4871–73**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, April 27th:

***Commending the University of Connecticut Huskies:*** H. Res. 344, to commend the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 211. **Pages H4880–81**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009:*** H. Res. 357, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009; **Pages H4855–57**

***Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 2009:*** H.R. 46, to provide for payment of an administrative fee to public housing agencies to cover the costs of administering family self-sufficiency programs in connection with the housing choice voucher program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and **Pages H4862–64**

***Supporting the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights:*** H. Res. 109, to support the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. **Pages H4867–71**

**Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 365, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 212, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

**Paged H4873–80, H4881–82**

**Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014—Conference Report:** The House began consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H4891–97**

H. Res. 371, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 214.

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Agreed to the McGovern amendment to the rule by a yeas-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 213, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

**Pages H4889–90**

**United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in addition to Representative Tanner, Chairman, appointed on February 13, 2009: Representative Tauscher, Vice Chairman; Representatives Ross, Chandler, Larson (CT), Meek (FL), Scott (GA), and Bean. **Page H4897**

**Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Pastor, Chairman; Representative Giffords, Vice Chairman; Representative Linda Sánchez (CA), Filner, Reyes, Rodriguez, and Gene Green (TX). **Page H4897**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Hinchey and Hall (NY). **Page H4897**

**Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program for a term of 4 years: Mr. James P. McGovern of Worcester, Massachusetts.

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**Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Representative Woolsey.

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**Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: Representative Skelton.

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**Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Representatives Moore (KS) and Boswell.

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**National Historical Publications and Records Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Representative Larson (CT).

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**Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative McDermott.

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**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Representative Jackson (IL).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4880.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 386 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4880, H4881, H4881–82, H4889–90, H4890–91, and H4891. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the GAO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General; and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Administrative Officer.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the Office of Compliance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Tamara Chrisler, Executive Director; and Peter Eveleth, General Counsel.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Public Printer of the United States. Testimony was heard from Robert Tapella, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

### DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Acquisition Workforce: Merely a Business Expense or a Force Multiplier for the Warfighter? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; LTG Ross Thompson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; James Thomsen, Principal Civilian Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of the Navy; and LTG Mark Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Department of the